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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 and 14-19 are currently pending in the application. No claims have been allowed. As such, claims 1-6 and 14-19 are rejected by this Office Action. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 are amended by this response. Claim 14 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

These rejections and objections are respectfully traversed in view of these amendments and remarks that follow. This amendment and supporting remarks do not require a new search or substantial reconsideration.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 14-19 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for containing statements such as "modifications/additions, jobs/tasks and repair/supply". In response, claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; therefore, the rejection of the Office Action is resolved for this claim.

In regard to the remaining claims, claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been amended to remove such equivalent language. As such, the rejections of the Office Action are resolved for these claims and dependant claims 2, 6 and 15-19.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 14-19 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes (U.S. Patent No. 5,970,475) in view of Rad (U.S. Patent No.

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6,148,291)and in further view of Rose (U.S. Patent No.

6,901,377). In response, claim 14 has been canceled without

prejudice or disclaimer; therefore, the rejection of the Office

Action is resolved for this claim.

In regard to claim 1, upon which claims 2-5 depend, the

claim has been amended to further recite the step of providing a

graphical user interface including a plurality of single-click

buttons for initiating a user-defined query that allows a user

to access the collected data, manipulate the collected data, and

selectively display a current status of the assets of the third

party such that said interface is adaptable to constantly

changing user requirements.

In regard to claim 6, upon which claims 15-19 depend, the

claim has been amended to recite a computer for maintaining said

first through said tenth data storage records and said plurality

of user-definable queries and allowing a user to access,

manipulate, and display selected structured collected data

indicating the current status of the assets of the third party

such that said interface is adaptable to constantly changing

user requirements.

The advantage of the present invention is that a

reasonably skilled user can build programs when assigned tasks

since the interface is adaptable to constantly changing user

requirement. Specifically, the present invention utilizes the

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concept of the cited references yet creates a novel approach

that allows an unskilled manager (production controller,

engineer, or business) to design his/her interface for their

specific customer requirements. In contrast, the cited

references are indications of the skill set of the reasonably

skilled person to an individual goal and in some cases a

process.

For an organization, such as a military organization, the

need is not just satisfied by an individual material movement

system (such as the Rad reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,148,291) or

a single repair job (such as the Rosenfield reference, U.S.

Patent No. 6,901,377). The need could be any combination of

duties, a typical request could be that the paying customer is

only interested in knowing how long a repair activity keeps

his/her repair before returning the item. Another customer

could only request the final cost and would schedule work on a

repetitive basis and quantity of good/bad results, and yet would

require all of the above.

The collected data associated with the present invention

allows feedback for repair trends, cost trends and the best

utilization of expenditures. It is not the collected data in

itself as it is the flexibility to allow the managers of data to

define their interface to accomplish their duties by the

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customer (no one product can serve all needs) and to provide the least amount of "data clutter".

The databases can be designed to allow total separation of collected data so that customer privacy can be contained if a customer desiring privacy requests to utilize the invention. Many of the cited references are fixed to one application and do not offer the flexibility of meeting customer requirements without the extensive rewrite of their code. The present invention utilizes a root template of data inputs for collection that can copy with each new customer and if necessary be adapted with minor coding to accommodate unique issues, but rarely if necessary since all the data input requirements are based on populating supporting dynamic data boxes with customer specific requirements and only unique reports may be required to be created.

Based on the differences in data input and user interface where the user interface is adaptable to constantly changing user requirements, it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art to combine the cited references to produce the method of amended claim 1 and the system of amended claim 6. As such, the rejection of the Office Action under 35 USC 103 is resolved for amended claim 1 and dependant claims 2-5 as well as for amended claim 6 and dependant claims 15-19.

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     In view of the Remarks above, the Applicants respectfully

request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

     The Examiner is invited to telephone Michael P. Stanley;

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the Examiner, such a telephone call would serve to expedite the

prosecution of the subject patent application.

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